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COMMENTS:

Following is a Letter forwarding a Substitute Specification and a Marked-Up Specification, as requested by telephone.

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LETTER FORWARDING SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

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Sir:

In accordance with the request received by telephone on September 22, 2003, submitted herewith is a Substitute Specification with a Marked-Up Specification showing the changes that were made by the Preliminary Amendment filed December 20, 1999.

In addition to the changes made in the Preliminary Amendment, the following changes are included in the Substitute Specification:

The first two lines, "SPECIFICATION" and "TITLE" have been deleted.

In paragraph [0008], "unit, the agents" has been changed to —units, the agents—.

In paragraph [0013], "ISBN" has been changed to —ISBN—.

In paragraph [0021], the intended change was made (the Preliminary Amendment indicated that "the" should be deleted, but it should have indicated that "The" should be deleted.

In paragraph [0026], the intended change was made (the Preliminary Amendment indicated that the new language should be "inset" instead of inserted.

In paragraph [0030], the last word, "compute" was changed to —computer unit—.

In paragraph [0035], "a" was added before "set request".

In paragraph [0054], "[sic]" was deleted.

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In paragraph [0069], "decoded," was changed to ~~the inversely~~ and ~~IKN~~ was added, to conform to Fig. 2B.

In paragraph [0096], "ensue" was changed to ~~occur~~ to match similar changes in the Preliminary Amendment.

In paragraphs [0097] and [0098], "a" was deleted prior to "information", since the indefinite article is not used with this noun.

No "new matter" has been added by the Substitute Specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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